

Denali National Park and Preserve Commercial Use Authorization Activity-Specific Stipulations

2016 AIR TAXI (Includes Incidental Hunt Transport)

1. To be considered an Air Taxi, the majority of passengers on the flight must either be dropped off or picked up from a day trip or overnight stay and passengers do not remain with the airplane while on the ground.
2. An Air Taxi CUA holder may also provide incidental hunt transport for park visitors. Incidental hunt transporting is defined as the carriage of big game hunters, their equipment, or big game animals harvested by the hunters as an incidental portion of their business. The word “incidental” means transportation provided to a big game hunter by an Air Taxi operator who does not:
 - a. Charge more than the usual tariff or charter rate for the carriage of big game hunters, their equipment, and/or the big game animals harvested by the hunters; or
 - b. Advertise transportation services or big game hunting services to the public. The word “advertise” means soliciting big game hunters to be customers of an Air Taxi operator for the purpose of providing transportation service to, from, or in the field through the use of print or electronic media, including advertising at trade shows or the use of hunt broker services or other promotional services.
3. Air Taxi landings may occur throughout the park additions and preserve.
4. Flight operations are authorized only for fixed wing aircraft. Helicopter use is prohibited.
5. All airplanes will be currently licensed, operated, maintained and operated in conformance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements.
6. All pilots will have Title 14, Part 135 certification.
7. First Aid:
 - a. All pilots will have current first aid and CPR certification. Agencies that provide qualifying certifications include: American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, National Safety Council and National Ski Patrol.
 - b. Documentation must be presented upon request from NPS personnel.
 - c. Each plane shall carry, at a minimum, a basic first aid kit appropriately sized for the plane capacity.
8. The CUA holder will carry a spill kit onboard each aircraft that includes absorbent pads, a shovel and doubled plastic bags to remove and transport contaminated material
9. When transporting hazardous materials such as stove fuel or bear spray, the CUA holder will use a USDOT approved container and packaging and follow the hazmat guidelines for safe handling, transportation and storage.

10. The CUA holder must remove all trash and garbage generated by their activities within the park.
11. Hazardous Materials: The CUA holder shall notify the Service's Communications Center at 907-683-9555 of any hazardous material discharge as soon as possible without impeding cleanup.
12. Incident Reporting:
 - a. Any incident involving a fatality or serious injury must be reporting immediately by calling the Denali Communication Center at 907-683-9555.
13. Loading or unloading passengers or cargo from aircraft must be done only when engine(s) are completely shut down. "Hot loading" or "hot unloading" of passengers or cargo is prohibited.
14. **Kantishna Airstrip Specific Stipulations:**
 - a. The annual landing limit on the Kantishna Airstrip is six (6) for those landings conducted to transport park visitors traveling to or from Kantishna for recreational purposes.
 - b. Landings for the purposes of pickup or delivery of Kantishna land owners, their immediate family members, employees, contractors or guests are unlimited.
15. Employees and their Role while in the park:
 - a. CUA holders and employees (guides) are not allowed to accompany clients in areas **closed to CUA activities** and will be assumed to be conducting guiding activities and considered to be in non-compliance of these terms of the CUA.
 - b. CUA holders and employees (guides) may accompany their clients on the park transportation system, but must conduct themselves as a park visitor and not as a guide. Any actions such as providing expertise and/or support to clients will be deemed a violation of this stipulation.
16. Leave No Trace:
 - a. Employees will be trained in, demonstrate through action, and teach Leave No Trace etiquette as appropriate to their activity.
17. Employee Performance:
 - a. All employees will maintain the highest professional standards of conduct, treating each guest/client with respect.
18. Entrance Fees:
 - a. CUA holders are required to ensure that their clients have paid the park entrance fee.
 - b. The park entrance fee may be paid in conjunction with the purchase of a bus ticket, or in person at the Denali Visitor Center or Talkeetna Ranger Station.
 - c. Contact the Fee and Revenue Business Manager at 907-683-9532 if you would prefer to collect and remit the park entrance fee directly to the park.
 - d. Remitting fees directly to the park does not eliminate any in-person check in requirements for your activity.

19. Interpretation:

- a. Employees will use effective interpretive techniques and skills that convey information about Denali National Park and Preserve and its mission. Information about the park can be found at:
<http://www.nps.gov/dena/learn/index.htm>

20. Property:

- a. No personal or business property of any kind may be stored or left unattended on park lands for more than 24 hours without written permission from the superintendent.

21. Monitoring Costs:

- a. The CUA holder will be responsible to reimburse the NPS for monitoring costs, including travel cost and salaries for park staff to assess quality of services and resource conditions.

Other General Park CUA Information

Authorized Activities

Denali National Park and Preserve (DENA) authorizes the following commercial activities that may be provided pursuant to obtaining a Commercial Use Authorization (CUA):

- Air Taxi
- Group Camping (Savage River Campground only)
- Guided Overnight Hiking
- Guided Mountaineering
- Guided Winter Activities
- Guided Day Hiking - Frontcountry and Triple Lakes Trails
- Guided Day Hiking – Backcountry
- Road-Based Winter Vehicle Tours
- Dog Sled Freight Hauling

The commercial service(s) that your company is authorized to provide within DENA is indicated on the front of your CUA. Engaging in a commercial activity other than that specifically authorized is prohibited.

Areas Open to Commercial Services

- 1980 Park and Preserve Additions, excluding Backcountry Units 40, 41, 42, 43
- Kantishna Airstrip
- Savage Campground Group Sites
- Frontcountry Trails
- Park Road to Mountain Vista Turnout for Road-Based Commercial Vehicle Use – February through May 10 only

Areas Closed to Commercial Services

- Former Mt. McKinley National Park, including Backcountry Units 40, 41, 42, 43
- Windy Creek drainage, northwest of Cantwell in the former Mt. McKinley National Park

- Glaciers in the 1980 Park and Preserve Additions are closed to air taxi landings, including lakes on glaciers

(See attached map for more details)

Commercial Road Access to Denali National Park and Preserve

Commercial passenger-carrying motor vehicles are allowed within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve on the George Parks Highway and on the Denali Park Road as far west as the Denali Visitor Center complex and Alaska Railroad Depot.

A commercial operator may therefore bring passengers into the park and stop within the developed area of the road corridor up to the Denali Visitor Center complex. This allows commercial operators to access the following: Wilderness Access Center, Backcountry Information Center, Riley Creek Mercantile store, showers and laundry, McKinley Park airstrip, Horseshoe Lake trailhead parking area, Denali Visitor Center complex, U.S. Post Office, and the Railroad Depot. **No permit is required for this access.**

Road-Based Winter Vehicle Tours

The Denali Park Road is open at a date in early February¹ through May 10 to the Mountain Vista Turnout at mile 12 for commercial entities that have a CUA for Road-Based Winter Vehicle Tour activities. Contact the park at (907) 683-9532 for road condition updates.

No commercial vehicle may proceed west beyond the Denali Visitor Center complex except under one of the following scenarios:

1. Possess a Group Camping CUA AND their travel is related to a current campground reservation;

OR

2. Possess a Road-Based Winter Vehicle Tour CUA AND they are traveling during the time period of early February through May 10 when the road is open to Mountain Vista Turnout for this activity.

¹ Road opening date in February to Mountain Vista Turnout varies based on weather and road conditions.